GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5061
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2000
SAMBHER SALT LTD
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Sambher Salt Limited located in Jaipur district of Rajasthan has been running into losses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to handover the Sambher lake back to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be handed over; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. An important reason for the losses has been the difficulty in sustaining production levels due to inadequate flow of water into the Sambhar Lake, the main source of brine for the production of salt. A downturn in the chlor-alkali industry, a major consumer of salt from Sambhar have been other contributory factors. Rising costs of production due to increases in salary and wages and increased input costs have further added to the losses.

(c) to (e) Government of Rajasthan had requested for retransfer of the leased out area of Sambhar Salt Limited. This request has, however, not been agreed to as it is not in the overall interest of the company.